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### 1. INDOCHINA

US, LAOS AGREE ON 8-POINT PLAN THAT WOULD RETURN USAID COMPOUND, SEND ALL AMERICAN, TCN AID EMPLOYEES OUT OF COUNTRY BY JUNE 30 (CSM). STUDENT DEPARTURE EXPECTED MEAN FREEDOM FOR 3 AMCITS BEING HELD. AGREEMENT ENDS WEEK OF HARASSMENT, HUMILIATION, RISING TENSION, DURING UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH OFFICIAL US PRESENCE IN LAOS SHRANK BY OVER 2/3, FROM 1000 TO 300 (PHINQ). AGREEMENT REPRESENTS VIRTUAL SURRENDER TO LEFTIST STUDENTS, SPECIFIES TURNOVER TO LAOTIAN GOVT OF ALL USAID EQUIPMENT, OPERATING FUNDS

FOR PROGRAMS UNDER WAY (UPI, NYDN). DOS SAYS AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND STUDENTS FORMALLY SIGNED. CHARGE CHAPMAN SAYS AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH SOTH PETHRASY, PL ECON MINISTER (AP NYT, SUN).

AGREEMENT AND EVENTS LEADING UP TO IT SEEN AS WATERSHED IN LAOS' EMERGENCE FROM 2-1/2 YRS COALITION GOVT TO FULL COMMUNIST DOMINATION. BY ORCHESTRATING STUDENT HARASSMENT, PL DEMONSTRATED INTENTION HAVE LAOS REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON US, PROBABLY OTHER WESTERN NATIONS. SOME SIGNS EXIST

PL TRYING FORCE US BREAK RELATIONS UNILATERALLY. EACH DAY PL EXTEND, STRENGTHEN AUTHORITY MORE (SIMONS, WP). MOST WESTERN OBSERVERS BELIEVE PL WILL BE CONTENT TO DRIVE USAID OUT WHILE ALLOWING US EMBASSY REMAIN; BUT BEHAVIOR SUGGESTS PL HOPE HUMILIATE US AND POSSIBLE PL WANTS ENTIRE US MISSION LEAVE (LESLIE, LAT 5/27).

MAYAGUEZ SKIPPER DENIES CREW MEMBER'S CHARGE HE IGNORED OFFICIAL WARNINGS ABOUT SAILING TOO CLOSE CAMBODIA. SAYS NEITHER HE NOR OWNERS WARNED BY USG (AP, WSJ; PHINQ).

CAMBODIAN RADIO SAYS MAJOR HIGHWAYS, RRS BEING CLEARED, CROPS HARVESTED AND DESTROYED, DAMAGED FACTORIES "QUICKLY BEING RESTORED" (AP, SUN). KR GOVT PLANS TURN FORMER ISRAELI EMBASSY IN PP OVER TO PLO, ACCORDING ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY FROM PEKING. SAME SOURCE SAYS PLO EXPECTED MOVE IN ABOUT OCTOBER, WITH PRC, NVN, SVN, NK EXPECTED OPEN PP EMBASSIES AROUND SAME TIME (UPI, WP).

CARGO OF VIET ART OBJECTS, THAT SAIGON CLAIMS WORTH OVER 150 MILLION DOLS AND STOLEN, INITIALLY APPRAISED BELOW 100,000 DOLS AT GUAM. ITEMS WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPERS DATED 1967-8, ABOUT TIME HUE NATL MUSEUM ROBBED; GUAM GOVT HAS NOT RULED OUT POSSIBILITY ART WORKS - MAINLY VASES, POTTERY - MAY BE VN NATL TREASURES. SHIP'S OWNER SAYS ITEMS BELONG WEALTHY UNCLASSIFIED

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VIET PHARMACIST (AP WP, NYT).

SAIGON GOVT EXECUTES 2 THIEVES BY FIRING SQUAD AS PART OF CRACKDOWN ON VIOLENCE; 1 KILLED BEFORE CROWD OF 30,000 (PHINQ; WP; AP, NYT). PRG SAYS FREED OVER 1800 POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM CON SON (WP; AP NYT, NYDN, SUN). SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS MARCH THROUGH SAIGON EXHORTING PEOPLE DISCARD COPIES OF "PLAYBOY," "OUI," OTHER ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH "DECADENT" US CULTURE; GOVT DOES NOT ALLOW DEMONSTRATIONS OR BANNER DISPLAYS UNLESS AUTHORIZED (AP NYDN, SUN, NYT; PHINQ; WP). ABOUT 30 FOREIGN NEWSMEN REMAIN, AFTER 2ND GROUP JOURNALISTS FLEW OUT; 2/3 FRENCH, JAPANESE, BUT ALSO

6 AMCITS, 2 BRITONS, 2 ITALIANS, 1 GERMAN, 1 INDIAN, 1 AUSSIE REMAIN. SAIGON PAPER SAYS CITY FULL OF UNPRODUCTIVE PEOPLE (WP). THEATERS IN SAIGON CENTER PRACTICALLY EMPTY AS TRANSPORT TROUBLES TURN CITY INTO SERIES OF SMALL TOWNS. FILMS IN TOWN ALL CARRY POLITICAL MESSAGE, 1 FEATURING BRIGHT VIET BOY WHO FOILS BLUNDERING GIS, ANOTHER SHOWING LANDING OF MARINES AT DANANG, AND THIRD DEPICTING DAY IN LIFE OF ONE VC (FENTON, WP).

HANOI ORDERS THOUSANDS NVA SOLDIERS SETTLE DOWN IN SVN. INTEGRATION OF N VIET SOLDIERS INTO SVN APPEARS DELIBERATE MOVE TO AID REUNIFICATION OF VN BY LINKING FAMILIES. ANOTHER REASON MAY BE PAUCITY OF PRG CADRE, AND GOVT DESIRE BUILD LOYAL STRUCTURE. MOST COMMUNIST TROOPS IN SVN FROM NVN; ONLY IN DELTA DO LOCAL PEOPLE APPEAR IN CONTROL, BUT NVA BEING SENT INTO DELTA APPARENTLY TO PREVENT ANY COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY (AP, WP). SVN RC CHURCH ATTEMPTS MAKE RADICAL ADJUSTMENT NECESSARY FOR SURVIVAL, BUT SPLIT INTO LEFT, RIGHT WINGS. LEFT WING REQUESTS POPE REMOVE APOSTALIC DELEGATE, THIEU'S NEPHEW WHO IS DEP ARCHBISHOP OF SAIGON. RC LEFT SURFACED WITH COMMUNIST VICTORY (MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT, PHINQ). CHINESE SOURCES SAY USSR DEMANDS USE FORMER US MIL BASES IN SVN IN RETURN FOR AID PROVIDED DURING WAR (WP). NEW SVN GOVT CABLED JOC EXPRESSING DESIRE REOPEN PORTS TO SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS, INDICATING NEW SHIPPING AGENCY UNCLASSIFIED

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CREATED TO ASSUME FUNCTIONS OF PRIVATELY-OWNED FIRMS (STRAUSS, JOC). SAIGON REGIME MAKES FORMAL REQUEST TO UN FOR AID IN REPATRIATING S VIET REFUGEES WISHING RETURN HOME (TELTSCH, NYT).

SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS BEING ISSUED TO ALL VIET REFUGEES WHO QUALIFY FOR US RESIDENT STATUS (UPI, PHINQ). KY, NOW IN WASHINGTON, REMEMBERS EVACUATION AS "BAD DREAM" INTENDS TAKE UP FARMING, PLANS REPRESENT VIETS IN PENDLETON BY ASKING USG AID IN STARTING FARMS (TUNNELL, WSTAR 5/27). LAT'S HOOVER (5/27) DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON WHETHER VIET REFUGEES CAN ADAPT TO LIFE IN USA. POINTS OUT PROBLEMS BUT NOTES VIETS KNOWN FOR ENORMOUS RESILIANCY.

## 2. JAPAN

HALLORAN IN TOKYO (NYT 5/25) SAYS DIET VOTED EXTEND SESSION 40 DAYS SATURDAY, AT INSISTENCE LDP, BECAUSE LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED IN FOUR MONTHS OF REGULAR SESSION. ONLY 30 OF 93 BILLS ENACTED; NONE OF MIKI'S MAJOR

BILLS PASSED; NPT NOT YET RATIFIED. SEES MIKI IMAGE  
"TARNISHED BY CREEPING PARALYSIS" OF GOVT, BUT LDP  
SO SPLINTERED NO ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO FORCE HIM OUT.

JAMESON (LAT 5/27) CITES "MOST SCATHING CRITICISM" OF  
GOVT IN RECENT YEARS BY KEIDANREN -- THAT GOJ "CANNOT  
BE COUNTED UPON" PULL NATL ECONOMY OUT OF SERIOUS  
RECESSION THAT THREATENS VERY SURVIVAL OF BUSINESS.  
NOTES CHAIRMAN DOKO ALSO CRITICIZED MIKI PLAN REVISE  
ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW AS "TOO RESTRICTIVE" OF BUSINESS.

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO NOTES BANK OF JAPAN TUESDAY  
ASKED SECURITIES FIRMS "AVOID EXCESSIVE SALES" OF  
DOMESTIC STOCKS, BONDS, BILLS TO FOREIGN INVESTORS  
IN VIEW RECENT SHARP INCREASE FOREX RESERVES. ALSO  
NOTES MIN AG ABE PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON LATE JULY, EARLY  
AUGUST, TO DISCUSS HAK PLAN STOCKPILE INTL GRAIN  
RESERVE WITH BUTZ.

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JOC (TOKYO) CITES BANKING SOURCES SAYING TUESDAY  
BANK OF JAPAN DECIDED LOWER OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE  
ANOTHER 0.5 PERCENT, TO 8 PERCENT, ABOUT JUNE 6, TO  
STIMULATE ECONOMY NOW THAT INFLATION RATE STABILIZED.

### 3. KOREA

MAC MET TUESDAY AT PANMUNJOM, FIRST TIME SINCE COMMUNIST  
VICTORY VN. UNC ACCUSED NK BUILDING MORE TUNNELS UNDER  
DMZ; NK REPLIED US, SK FORTIFY DMZ, TRYING PROVOKE NEW  
WAR BY RANDOM FIRING ACROSS DMZ (WP; CSM). NK DECLARED  
US WOULD BE "BROUGHT TO SHAME" IF DOESN'T WITHDRAW  
40,000 TROOPS FROM SK (WSJ). NK MG KIM POONG SUP,  
WHO REQUESTED MEETING, SAID NK HAS NO INTENTION INVADE  
SK, BRANDED TUNNEL CHARGES PARK REGIME "FABRICATION"  
(PHINQ).

TRADE MINISTER GILLESPIE IN OTTAWA SAID THURSDAY  
CANADA WILL SIGN AGREEMENT SELL ROK 300 MILLION DOL  
CANDU REACTOR. ROK NPT RATIFICATION SEEN CLEARING  
WAY FOR SALE (SUN).

OBERDORFER (WP 5/24) IN SEOUL NOTES MOST SKOREANS  
HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT GULF CONTRIBUTION TO PARK  
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN -- BECAUSE SECRET POLICE AGENTS  
ASSIGNED TO BROADCAST STATIONS, PRESS, ASSURE NOT  
ONE LINE APPEARS. REPORTS IN TIME, NEWSWEEK,  
JAPANESE PRESS "RIPPED OUT" BEFORE DELIVERY, BUT  
STARS AND STRIPES, VOA, US MIL FORCES RADIO HAVE  
REPORTED. NOTES SOME KOREANS, AMERICANS BELIEVE  
TIMING OF EMERGENCY DECREE MAY 13 MAY HAVE BEEN

AFFECTED BY FOREKNOWLEDGE OF TESTIMONY DORSEY ABOUT  
TO GIVE SENATE THREE DAYS LATER.

4. CHINA

AP (PEKING) DESCRIBES PAGENTRY, CROWD'S ENTHUSIASM,  
AS US ATHLETES TOOK 16 OF 17 EVENTS AT NATIONAL PEKING  
WORKERS STADIUM TRACK/FIELD MEET ON 5/27 (SUN, NYT);

TSING HUA U PROF TUNG REMINISCED WITH US REPORTERS  
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ABOUT US BASEBALL IN 50S (PHINQ). UPI (PEKING) SAYS  
AMERICANS IMPRESSED BY SHOWING OF SOME YOUNGER MEMBERS  
OF PRC TEAMS AND THEIR EAGERNESS TO LEARN (NYT 5/25).

ITALIAN ATHLETICS FEDERATION PRES ANNOUNCED TUESDAY  
THAT PRC WILL TAKE PART IN ITS FIRST OFFICIAL TRACK/  
FIELD MEET IN ROME JUNE 25, 26, COMPETING WITH ITALY,  
ROMANIA, SPAIN; SAID PEKING ALSO HAS MADE FORMAL  
APPLICATION TO BECOME MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF UNIVERSITY SPORTS (AP, NYT).

THOUSANDS OF EXPATRIATE TAIWANESE DEMONSTRATED IN  
WASHINGTON TUESDAY IN FAVOR OF FORMOSAN SELF-DETERMINA-  
TION (WSJ).

LAT'S LOPER (5/27) REPORTS ROC, ANXIOUS TO PROMOTE IMAGE  
OF CHINESE WOMEN IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S  
YEAR, HAVE DECIDED TO PRODUCE DETAILED REPLICAS OF  
NINE COSTUMES DESCRIBING CHINA'S MOST FAMOUS HEROINES,  
INCLUDING TA CHI AND HSI SHIH. CHINESE OFFICIALS SHOWED  
COSTUMES IN NY, WASHINGTON AND NOW LA.

5. BURMA

DEATH TOLL FOR STORM IN IRRAWADDY DELTA EARLIER  
THIS MONTH HAS RISEN TO 187 (REUTER, WP).

6. PHILS

FORMER PRES LOPEZ NAMED IN SWORN STATEMENT BY US  
GUNMAN AS ONE OF MEN BEHIND ALLEGED PLOT ASSASSINATE  
MARCOS IN 1972 (WP). DEATH PLOT DESCRIBED IN MANILA,  
WITH GUNMAN AUGUST LEHMAN TESTIFYING TRY AGAINST  
MARCOS DROPPED IN 1972 BECAUSE WOULD HAVE MEANT  
ALSO KILLING SUHARTO AT SAME TIME (PHINQ).

7. SINGAPORE

ACCESS TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO BE RESTRICTED  
AFTER JUNE 1 IN ATTEMPT EASE MAMMOTH TRAFFIC JAM

(AP, CSM).  
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8. HK

RICKSHAS DISAPPEARING FROM STREETS, THOUGH OFFICIALS  
RELUCTANT BAN THEM, SINCE WOULD MEAN FINDING OTHER  
EMPLOYMENT FOR "RICKSHA BOYS" (REUTER, CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

WSTAR (5/27) ECHOES RECENT MEDIA CONJECTURE OVER  
QUESTION OF FURTHER AID TO LAOS. EXPRESSES HOPE THAT  
LAOTIANS WHO FOUGHT PL FOR YEARS RETAIN SOME  
INDEPENDENCE, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY IN MONTHS AHEAD  
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

FRITCHEY (WP, 5/24) ACCUSES US OF LAWLESSNESS IN  
MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR. CITES UNAUTHORIZED USE THAI AIR  
BASES, VIOLATION WAR POWERS ACT, PUNITIVE BOMBING ON  
CAMBODIAN MAINLAND, FAILURE MADE PROPER USE OF  
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, ESPECIALLY UN (IN USIA WIRELESS  
FILE).

NYT'S GWERTZMAN SPECULATES RE LESSONS US LEARNED  
FROM VN. NOTES DIFFERING POLICY BELIEFS AMONG FORD  
ADMIN AND CONGRESS REGARDING US COMMITMENTS IN SEA.  
QUESTIONS WHETHER ANY "LESSONS" LEARNED AT ALL  
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN VIENTIANE, NYT'S ANDELMAN (5/25) FINDS EVERYTHING  
SEEMS GOING PL'S WAY NOW, AND FUTURE IS EXPECTED TO  
BE MORE OF SAME (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S SCHMIDT SEES EVACUATION OF PP'S 3 MILLION PEOPLE  
AS ATTEMPT BY KHMER ROUGE TO EMULATE ITS ONLY MODEL,  
MAOIST CHINA. STILL SHROUDED IN MYSTERY IS QUESTION  
OF PP LEADERSHIP (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NEW REPUBLIC (5/24) FEELS FORD'S MAYAGUEZ ACTION MAY  
BACKFIRE AGAINST HIS OWN INTERESTS IN LONG RUN: HIS  
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FAILURE CONSULT ADEQUATELY WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS  
IN ADVANCE COULD ULTIMATELY LOWER PRES' CREDIT ON HILL.

EDITORIAL RESEARCH REPORTS (CSM) SEES MAYAGUEZ  
INCIDENT DEMONSTRATING ABOVE ALL ELSE THAT

PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS STILL REIGN SUPREME IN CRISIS,  
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW DESIGNED CURB THEM.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) NOTE HAK ASSESSMENT IMPACT  
OF US SETBACK IN SEA -- JAPAN'S PM "COMING OVER  
TO ASK QUESTIONS." ALSO CITE CONFIDENTIAL  
DOCUMENT THAT HAK SAID WOULD EXPECT SVN UNIFICATION  
WITH NORTH VIETNAM "IN LESS THAN A YEAR." CITE  
ANOTHER DOCUMENT QUOTING HAK JUDGMENT CAMBODIAN  
COMMUNISTS, IN LAST MONTH OF WAR, MANEUVERED KEEP

FREE OF CHINESE CONTROL BY SMASHING STRUCTURE IN  
PP TO BLOCK SIHANOUK.

WSTAR'S BADSHER (5/25) STATES HANOI TRYING RALLY  
SEA NATIONS TO OPPOSE CONTINUING US POLICY OF  
"INTERVENTION AND ENSLAVEMENT." BUT PARADOX IN  
WASHINGTON VIEWS COMPLICATE US ASSESSMENT OF  
RELATIONS IN AFTERMATH OF INDOCHINA COLLAPSE --  
ADMIN CITES DANGERS OF DOMINO THEORY, BUT ARGUES  
NO CHANGE IN SEA POLICY NEEDED.

#### 10. KOREA

CANADIAN FREE-LANCER PETER WARD IN SEOUL (SUN 5/25)  
STATES EVENTS OF PAST MONTHS JUSTIFY ROK LEADERS' FEAR  
NK MAY RESORT TO LIGHTNING WAR TO REUNITE KOREA, UNDER  
COMMUNISM, BEFORE INTL INTERVENTION POSSIBLE. FINDS  
WESTERN DIPLOMATS AGREE SOME FORM OF NK AGRESSION LIKELY  
BY END OF YEAR. CITES COLLEAGUE OF PRES PARK, LT GEN  
YEW BYUNG-MYUN, THAT CONDITIONS NOW REQUIRE MORE ACTIVE  
SECURITY ROLE BY JAPAN, AND PERSONALLY "WOULD FAVOR THE  
REARMING OF JAPAN."

APROPOS EDICT BY SK "DICTATOR" PARK LAST WEEK BANNING  
ALMOST ALL DISSENT, NEW YORKER MAG'S "TALK OF TOWN"  
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(5/26) SPECULATES NO RECOGNITION GIVEN POSSIBLE  
ADVERSE IMPACT ON CONGRESS, OR ADMIN, BECAUSE PARK  
SENSED WOULDN'T BE ANY, AND WASN'T. CONCERN FOR  
FREEDOM OF PEOPLES WE SUPPORT RARE IN CONGRESS, AND  
NOTICABLE PHENOMENON IS FAVORABLE IMPACT ON WH OF  
ALLIES TURNING TO AUTHORITARIANISM. DECLARES PLAIN  
FACT IS USG FOR SOME YEARS "HAS REGARDED RUTHLESS,  
DICTATORIAL REGIMES AS SAFE HAVENS FOR AMERICAN  
INTERESTS."

WP'S GETLER (5/24) ANALYZES GAP BETWEEN PUBLIC OPINION  
AND ADMIN ON KOREA. IN CHICAGO CFR POLL, PUBLIC REPLIED  
WITH SHARP "NO" TO US COMBAT INVOLVEMENT IN ANOTHER  
KOREAN WAR, BUT ADMIN CONTINUES ISSUE ASSURANCES OF US

MIL SUPPORT FOR ROK AGAINST ANY NK ATTACK. NOTES  
SEN ASCOMM IN ANNUAL REPORT ON DEFENSE BUDGET LAST  
MONDAY ASKED DOD STUDY "ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT POSTURE";  
AT SAME TIME, CLEARLY WARNED AGAINST TROOP CUTS  
"WITHOUT MAKING SURE OUR KOREAN FRIENDS CAN PROVIDE  
FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE."

LAT'S JAMESON (5/26) NOTES STRONG CONTRASTS, EERIE  
SIMILARITIES TO SVN OF KIMPO PENINSULA, ONE OF MAIN  
INVASION ROUTES TO SEOUL. FINDS KOREAN ATTITUDE TOWARD

COMMUNISM DIFFERENT, AND ARMED NK INFILTRATORS CANNOT  
MOVE WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED, REPORTED BY PEOPLE  
WITHIN 30 MINUTES. AND BG KIM JUNG HO, WHOSE 2D MARINE  
BRIGADE GUARDS PENINSULA, PRAISES SK -- WHEN ASSIGNED  
JOINT MISSION IN SVN SAYS ROK UNIT ACCOMPLISHED OWN  
MISSION, AND ARVN'S TOO WHEN LATTER FAILED PERFORM.

#### 11. JAPAN

SUN EDIT DECLARES "CIRCUMSPECTION" DURING MAYAGUEZ  
INCIDENT SHOWS JAPAN'S DILEMMA AS US PRESENCE RECEDES  
FROM SEA -- WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEW RULERS  
INDOCHINA, BUT ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON IMPORTED  
RAW MATERIALS AND NO ALLY WILL ASSERT PRINCIPLE OF  
OPEN SEA LANES RIGOROUSLY AS US (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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REUTER (TOKYO) IN CSM REVIEWS JAPANESE PRESENCE  
THAT SPANS AFRICA. ATTRACTED BY RICH NATURAL  
RESOURCES, JAPANESE INCREASED INVESTMENT 20 TIMES IN  
PAST 8 YEARS, TWICE AS FAST AS ELSEWHERE, TO 290  
MILLION DOLS IN 1974. TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA ALSO  
ROSE STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS, BUT JAPAN BANS DIRECT  
INVESTMENT, JOINT VENTURES IN LINE WITH FORMER FM  
KIMURA PLEDGE OF MORAL, MATERIAL ASSISTANCE AGAINST  
COLONIALISM, APARTHEID.

#### 12. NEW ZEALAND

HAMILTON IN CHRISTCHURCH (CSM 5/27) REVIEWS REASONS  
WHY OFFICIALS HOPE MAKE CITY MAJOR CONVENTION, CULTURAL  
CENTER, EARN NEW NICKNAME, "THE GENEVA OF THE PACIFIC."

#### 12. CHINA

GLOBE'S DOBBS MAINTAINS PEKING VIEWS US ASIA WITHDRAWAL  
WITH GREAT CONCERN, FEARFUL VITAL AREAS AROUND PRC  
VACATED BY AMERICAN "PAPER TIGER" WILL BE FILLED BY  
MUCH MORE VORACIOUS, RUTHLESS, SOVIET BEAR (5/26).



SUN'S SEIDEN, IN TAIPEI, FINDS PROFOUND SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY, UNEASINESS, ABOUT FUTURE HAS GRIPPED ROC IN WAKE OF RECENT COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA AND CCK'S ILL-TIMED DEATH. THESE EVENTS LEAVE MANY INHABITANTS WONDERING IF TAIWAN MAY BE NEXT DOMINO TO FALL. AT ROOT OF FEARS IS GROWING SUSPICION US MAY SELL OUT ROC IN EXCHANGE FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING WHEN PRES FORD MAKES PRC VISIT THIS FALL (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. PHILIPPINES

AMB ROMUALDEZ, IN LETTER TO WSTAR (5/26), REFUTES BARTLETT ALLEGATION THAT PHILIPPINES "NO SHOWCASE FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY." AMB PREFERS BELIEVE FILS SUCCEEDING "ALBEIT SLOWLY" IN MOST DIFFICULT TASK OF EVOLVING IN OWN CULTURE THOSE INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE TRULY RESPONSIVE TO CHALLENGES IN PERSONAL, NATL UNCLASSIFIED

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LIFE, RATHER THAN CONTINUING TRY MAKE IMPORTED SYSTEM WORK.

14. SINGAPORE

HARSCH (WP) THANKS LEE KUAN YEW FOR MOST SENSIBLE THING SAID ABOUT CONSEQUENCES TO WORLD OF US REFUSAL SAVE SAIGON FROM FINAL DEFEAT BY HANOI -- SUGGEST WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR PRES, CONGRESS SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

15. GENERAL

NYT'S RESTON OBSERVES EVERYONE TELLING PRES WHAT HE MUST DO TO REGAIN WORLD CONFIDENCE THESE DAYS, E.G., NK DEMANDS US WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SK IF WANTS AVOID ANOTHER HUMILIATION LIKE INDOCHINA; MARCOS ANNOUNCES WILL NO LONGER DEPEND ON TEMPORARY GRACE OR FAVOR OF ANY OTHER NATION. BELIEVES PRES HAS "MAIN CARD" -- MONEY -- WHICH IN SHORT SUPPLY THESE DAYS. AT SOME POINT MUST MAKE CLEAR AT HOME AND ABROAD WHAT PRIORITIES ARE, AND WHERE HE AND CONGRESS WILL PUT PEOPLE'S MONEY (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GLOBE'S STORIN IN TOKYO (5/26) STATES IF PEOPLE BELIEVE WHAT GOVTS SAY IT NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HEARD LATELY. CITES CONFUSION OVER CASUALTIES IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE, AND BOMBING WHICH FOLLOWED WORD SHIP, CREW WOULD BE RELEASED. OR JAPAN, WHICH AGITATES FOR CONTINUED US IM-SECURITY PRESENCE IN ASIA BUT APPLIES CATCH-22 MIGRATION LAW TO EXCLUDE ALMOST ALL SVIET REFUGEES. AND CONFUSING STATEMENTS BY KIM IL-SUNG, WHO DECLARED

APRIL 19 WOULD NOT STAND BY AND WATCH REVOLUTION  
IN SK WITH FOLDED ARMS, BUT MAY 17 TOLD VISITING  
JAPANESE HAS NO INTENTION ADVANCING SOUTHWARD. INGERSOLL

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